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Have YOU Done ALL your Share?

BETWEEN YOU AND ME
by Stanley Orris

Now that School Trustees are to receive payment for meetings and car allowances, we think that the town councillors should receive payment for their services. Our stand on this that at present it is a labor of love and there isn't much love in it. If a councillor receives remuneration it means that he is a paid servant of the public and as such should be more amenable to criticism. No longer could he take the attitude that "he gets nothing out of it", why should he stand being criticised. On the other hand it allows him reimbursement for out of pocket expenses and loss of time in carrying out his duties.

The School Board annual meeting went off with nothing untoward happening. For a moment or two it looked as if hell would break loose, but the gallant Fred Fleming very ably set matters right and calm and peace once more prevailed.

The excellent financial position of the Champion Consolidated School District and the Rural Municipal District of Harmony are, strangely enough, a headache in at least one way. The Big Trail will get them and the \$448,558. If they don't look out.

We see notices have been posted in several conspicuous places about town calling for nominations for the office of town councillors.

There is a petition floating around to call another annual meeting of the ratepayers of the village. One of the items we hear will be brought before the meeting is that the auditor of the village books was not duly qualified to do so. Immediately we heard this news the Chronicle's high paid staff of investigators began looking through keyholes and opening secret drawers and now we are able to report that the appointment of the village auditor was entirely regular. Not only was he duly qualified but his appointment was approved and sanctioned by the meeting of Municipal affairs.

Jeff Dawson says we made a sister out of a cousin of his in a local item appearing in last week's paper. When Jeff explained that his cousin's father was his (Jeff's) father's brother and that his cousin's mother was his (Jeff's) mother's sister, we decided not to argue the matter any further.

Orchids this week to the members of the Municipal Council who are about to have their Annual meeting Saturday. It speaks well of the electors of the district that they should place such high caliber men at the head of their affairs.

As it stands now School Trustees will receive payment of \$4.00 a meeting plus mileage for car and are in the out of town districts. The payment of Trustees is, in our opinion an excellent idea. Whether \$4 a meeting is too much we are not prepared to say.

Orchids to Mr. Jim Brown for his personal watchfulness over and criticism of the local governing bodies. As in federal and provincial governments a strong opposition always keeps them in power on their toes.

One of the readers of this column suggests "Orchids to the Chronicle for having the last three papers out on time." Thanks Pal.

See you next week

Perhaps you have already subscribed to the New Victory Loan. Your subscription may have been large or small according to your means; but have you done all that you could have? We have reached a stage in this war when the extra \$50 or \$100 or \$500 we might have loaned the government might decide our victory or defeat.

Town and District

Mr. B. J. Whitehead, Provincial District Agriculturalist, along with another speaker will deliver an address on Hog Parasites and Diseases, and Grain Insects, Sawflies, etc. February 24th, 8 p.m. at Aldison Hall. All interested are welcome to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Boszarth returned to Champion after a visit to Calgary. Mrs. Boszarth spent about two weeks in the city and Mr. Boszarth the better part of last week.

Mrs. Andrew Kurtz was a Calgary visitor last week. During her stay there she took a sewing course.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson and daughter Marilynne were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Campbell over the week-end.

Captain and Mrs. Hodgins, and son Robert of Calgary were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Dawson. Captain Hodgins is with the R.C.A.M.C.

For Sale—Two wheel house trailer. Reasonable for cash. Apply to the Chronicle.

By the time this paper is out the local bonspiel will be well under way. The weatherman seems to at last decided to give the curiers their long wanted "break".

Among the male contingent of Champions attending the Banff Carnival were noticed Rickie Logan and Bob Balch, Raymond Bingsen, Alex Laiff and Harvey Path.

Mrs. Sipas has donated two towels to the Red Cross. These towels are of handwoven linen and are richly embroidered. Both the weaving of the linen and the embroidery work was done by Mrs. Sipas herself. The towels will be raffled by the Ladies of the Royal Purple and any others who care to assist and all proceeds will be donated to the funds of the local branch of the Red Cross. The Red Cross wishes to thank Mrs. Sipas for this very lovely donation.

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The first meeting of the Hostess Club will be held Monday night February 23 at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Community Hall. Everyone from high school age up are welcome to attend. This organization is to entertain the people of Champion and a few of the Air Force boys. We have what we think is an entertaining program arranged. So come and enjoy yourself and help others to enjoy themselves. The charge is only 10c.

ACE Robt. Minty, who is home on leave from Patricia Bay, B. C. and is visiting his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. J. Minty of Carmangay, was a Champion visitor Tuesday.

Don Stephenson was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stephenson.

The local Salvage committee is receiving letters from Salvage Committees in many towns in Alberta, asking them how they were so successful in raising \$300 from scrap iron and steel so quickly.

Do you read "Behind The Headlines" appearing on the editorial page of the Chronicle each week? This is a paid feature from an independent observer at Ottawa, and is exclusive to the Chronicle in this district.

Miss Gladys Anderson of the local public school teaching staff is on the sick list. Mrs. Harvey Jopling has been relieving in her place.

Mr. Don Swanson of the local high school staff was on sick leave for a few days.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Nen Ellis, Mrs. Linda and Gloria Camulini, Alice Clarke and Ruth Jopling and Lillian Orcutt were visitors to the Banff Carnival over the week-end. The sudden change in the weather upset their plans for the return trip. Instead of driving back as planned, Nen Ellis and Isabel Clarke who had to report for duty the first thing Monday morning, took the train from Banff to Calgary. From Calgary they took the bus to Nanton where Bill Ellis braving the blustery weather and snowdrifts met them with his car and drove them home to Champion. The rest of the girls stayed at Banff with the car and Alex Laiff who had previously returned to Champion with the boy's contingent was sent back to rescue them and drive the car back. In spite of all the excitement everyone reports a fine time had watching the carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVries of Barons are receiving congratulations on the birth of a child Monday morning at Carmangay hospital. Dr. Freeze attended.

Mrs. R. J. G. White, provincial organizing secretary of the Provincial Chapter I.O.O.F. attended the meeting of the Last Chapter on Thursday.

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Pa: "It's two o'clock. About time Sally's boy friend went home."

Mrs. "Now, Pa, remember how we used to court."

Pa: "That settles it! Out he goes!"

An inept man was trying to unlock the door of his house without success when a passing policeman asked if he could handle the key for him.

"Nope," the drunken man said. "I can hold the key. You hold the house."

Cutie (in department store): "Do you have notions on this floor?"

Floorwalker (appraisingly): "Frequently, but we can't give way to them during business hours."

The Merry One: "Cheer up old man! Why don't you drown your sorrow?"

The Sad One: "She's stronger than I am, and besides, it would be murder."

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING HELD

The annual meeting of Champion Consolidated School district No. 40 was held in the High School Saturday afternoon. There were about forty attended. Mr. L. N. Warren was appointed chairman of the meeting and Mr. Clarke Rhodes acted as Secretary.

The financial report was given and passed after some questions were asked by Mr. Brown. Mr. Lindstedt gave the Principal's report and also read the report of the public school made by the trustees of the division. The reports reflected very highly on both the work of the trustees and the work of the teaching staff.

Mr. Jim Brown asked some questions regarding the sale of furniture from the teachings which was discussed of during the year. Mr. Fleming, Chairman of the Board, answered Mr. Brown in a very able manner.

Nominations were opened to fill two vacancies created by the outgoing members, Mr. Louis Path and Mr. Fred Fleming. Mr. Path was renominated and after some pressure was put on him he agreed to allow his name to be dropped. Mr. Fleming could not be persuaded to stand again and Mr. John Long was unanimously elected to fill his place.

A motion was brought before the meeting to allow the trustees remuneration for meetings attended to sum of \$4.00 per meeting and also mileage for out of town trustees at the rate of 10c per mile. The motion was passed on a show of hands.

A vote of appreciation for the very able service rendered the Board by the retiring chairman, Mr. Fred Fleming was passed.

C. H. S. NEWS

A party was held last Friday night at the school, where the students danced to the local orchestra, namely Mr. Lindstedt, pianist, and Sam Schuster, who played all his instruments in turn. Games such as "Buz", "Flying Dutchman", "Two Deep" and "Ford Car" were played. Then at twelve o'clock a delicious lunch of one hundred and twenty doughnuts, coffee and sandwiches was served. Then each gave a valentine verse to the one sitting next to them at the table.

Mr. Swanson was absent from school for a few days last week. We are glad to see Mr. Swanson back again.

There is going to be an election for a new cabinet in the student parliament. Ethel Griffin and Jim Ellis have been nominated for Premier or Premier.

Defeat of the Vulcan team has put our Champion Hockey Team in fine spirits. A game with Staveley is scheduled for Tuesday night, one with Vulcan for Wednesday night.

Members of our sculpturing class are proved to be very skillful. Visitors are invited to come and see our soap pigs, bears and motor cars.

Orchids to the Hostess Club. The idea of an organization to foster the "making at home" of boys in uniform and the proof of the team is an excellent one. The women have put it over the men again. We hope the organization will receive the full support of all people of the district particularly at their opening entertainment on Monday evening.

At the end of the opening day of the Second Victory Loan Drive the Champion Carmangay Unit had received subscriptions to the total of \$4,000.



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INCREASE YOUR BOND PURCHASE

As the war lengthens, Great Britain's needs grow and grow, and as Canada's armed forces increase steadily month by month in terms of men and equipment, the Canadian government has had to revise its estimate of what money must be obtained from the people of the country in order to prevent

any slackening of pace. On February 16, the Second Victory Loan Organization commenced a campaign to raise at least \$600,000,000. In all likelihood, much more than that will have to be raised later in the year.

No private citizen is in a position to shrug his shoulders when told about this particular problem at Ottawa. Because of this instance particularly the government problem becomes the problem of each citizen which the government represents. As the government revises the general estimate of new money to be found, the private citizen must revise his estimate of how much he shall subscribe to the present loan and another or others later in 1942.

Only if the majority of citizens accept the necessity for a revision of the amount of Victory Bonds they had planned to buy in 1942, will higher Victory Loan objectives be reached.

The most earnest plea which the country of Canada can make to the individual citizen at the present time is that he do everything in his power to increase his purchase of Victory Bonds.

a candidate in the field to oppose him. Lacroix is also opposed to the ideals of the King Government. But most important of all, both of these men are not properly speaking or acting for the masses of the Province of Quebec in face of their efforts. The people of that province are not influenced by these men to any marked degree as yet. So far they have a very small following. Of course, the masses of Quebec are opposed to compulsory overseas service at this time because certain politicians and demagogues have made it their business to keep alive certain old antiquated and out-of-date ideas for reasons best known to themselves. They do not allow memories to fade away. But statesman in that province and elsewhere have recognized that education and strategic handling of the problem could cure the ailments. They believed that the complaints were not those of an old, chronic and wasting invalid, but rather growing pains of a temporary and acute nature. This was the motive and strategy of the King Government from the day that war was declared in September, 1939. The King Government did not want that national unity should suffer from any drastic or non-strategic action since in a war emergency a divided nation was an impingent belligerent force at a crucial time when it must be assertive, definite, realistic, and united. Moreover, from the opening day of this war the need of conscription for overseas service has been argued by the professional generals or others qualified to judge a nation's military requirements in specific situations but the main contention has been offered by more than "eleven million generals" throughout the land, known individually as the man-in-the-street. Indeed, it has been said that most of the people do not even know much about conscription itself, its history or origin.

Conscription came into existence as a result of the French Revolution when the old Royalist Army of

France was put aside. This brought about a problem of national defence. The Convention of 1792 decided upon a compromise, with combatant units to be composed of volunteers only and with all single men between 18 and 40 years to be placed in reserve "citizen militia". The rest of the male population formed a National Guard for home defence. After eight months of this system, France had to abandon it because it was a complete failure. Out of 169 combatant battalions required by the Republic of France, only sixty were raised. The Convention decided to create a compulsory military force of 500,000 men, but this failed because the population was against it and one province, Vendee, rose in revolt against the plan. However, the Government moderated the law, educated the people, applied strategic tactics, and raised easily a conscript army of not 500,000 but 770,000 men. In other words, the lesson of Old France is a lesson for New France. While compulsion and free will do not mix well in a country like Canada for raising men for the armed forces, causing dissonance in national harmony, yet the principal of conscription need not be abandoned, though it must be brought into existence by strategy and means not common amongst Canada's politicians but an essential requirement amongst true statesmen. This is the common denominator for adjusting this nation's greatest and most delicate national problem in this war, and well-informed sources along Parliament Hill know it. (Reproduction Prohibited, 1942, Educational Features Syndicate.)

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Without being aggressive or combative but strictly realistic, this veteran observer must report that by no stretch of the imagination can he recall another period along Parliament Hill when so much difficulty was encountered by the government in order to discover some means of adjustment of a national problem than that being endured right now by the King government in regard to conscription for overseas service. Although everyone in Canada is either fighting or working for the same objective in this war and it should not be difficult to find a common denominator in a political sense, yet well-informed sources in the capital know that the King Government's methods in attempting to affect this wartime adjustment in its own manner have not decreased difficulties but rather increased them in toto, though behind the scenes there are some reasons to justify these manoeuvres on the part of the King Government. Nevertheless, the pressure both in and out of Parliament is steadily increasing for and against compulsory service for overseas and the impending flood threatens national unity at a time when every part of the country is essential to the whole war effort of Canada.

Of course, it is no secret why the King Government has acted in this manner in regard to conscription for overseas service and it is supposed to be on account of the Province of Quebec. The Government might have taken an easier way out of its difficulty by adopting the measures necessary for its enactment, but that would not have been consistent. The Government could not ignore certain facts, though unfortunately it is often recognized along Parliament Hill that the man-in-the-street throughout Canada does not know the real cause or source of the opinion in the Province of Quebec which has influenced the present Government's policies.

In the Province of Quebec, there has been a strong opinion for many years that "Imperialism" must be looked down upon with "suspicion". For years and years, the masses have been told again and again by politicians and demagogues, who desired to sway or to influence the

people by plausible words in order to obtain power for themselves or their party, that "Imperialism" was not good for the French-Canadian. It created a virtual wall between Quebec and the rest of Canada and this wall reached great heights from the time that Henri Bourassa rose in Parliament one day to protest strongly against the sending of a Canadian expeditionary force to fight in the Boer war in South Africa. That happened a long time ago, but from that event onwards there has been a continuous agitation of a so-called "nationalist" movement which emphasized the right or claims of Canadians in respect to wars involving the Motherland. In the last World War No. 1, two bad errors were made that aggravated the situation. First, in the beginning of 1916, the late Premier Sir Robert Borden gave a pledge not unlike that of Premier Mackenzie King in this war. He had promised that conscription for overseas service would not be made without consulting the people, but a year later it was established. Second, the method of enforcing conscription in the Province of Quebec was very provocative of anger on the part of the French-Canadians, this being a major mistake of strategy which has often been acknowledged by historians. The bitterness and wrath of that occasion never died in the Province of Quebec. They have never forgotten the insults and abuses.

In this war, the same misunderstanding and artifices are being employed by politicians outside of the Province of Quebec. They refuse or they do not know how to understand the mentality and feeling of the people of that old Province. They have been directly responsible for encouraging the growth or revival of this "nationalist" movement in that Province. Now, two Members of the House of Commons, Lacroix and Lacombe, have come out in the open favoring the "nationalist" movement, though it must be emphasized that they are not looked upon seriously, nor is the Government responsible for their actions or speeches. In fact, Lacombe is known as an opponent of the Mackenzie King Government, and in the last general election, the King Government put

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The South of England is full of Canadian soldiers. One is apt to see a Canadian military uniform in any part of the countryside south of London as in Trafalgar Square itself—and Trafalgar Square is the meeting place for all Canadians on leave.

I was up early on the morning of Friday, September 26th. Breakfast in the Savoy consisted of tomato juice, excellent rolls, tea, butter and marmalade. Breakfast was always a difficult meal. There were no eggs. The coffee didn't taste like coffee and probably wasn't. The butter was cut in pieces the diameter of a shilling but about half as thick. The waiter said the supply of marmalade was just about done. Next month there wouldn't be any.

The Humber car was waiting at the door, with a Canadian flag over the radiator. The driver crossed Westminster bridge, skirted a noted cricket ground and drove through a part of London where there was about one building destroyed in every block. The great Croydon aerodrome showed less damage than might have been expected, for it was one of the first targets in London to be bombed.

Troops on the Move

It was not long till we were in the area where Canadian troops were on the move. That was the time when most of the army in Britain was engaged in manoeuvres, trying out the plan to repel invasion. In theory, the Germans had landed in the Southeast but had been repelled. Then it was supposed that another landing had been accomplished south of Hull and the defenders were moving up to the East Coast.

In order to leave the life of the metropolis undisturbed, the Canadian Corps was working its way around behind London and Reading and then heading northeast.

The day before, we had passed the artillery and the tanks, hour after hour, on the broad roads north of London. On this fine morning, we saw the infantry on the move, truck after truck.

The fine car in which I was riding developed ignition trouble in a little English village. A Chevrolet station wagon picked me up. The driver was a chap from Hamilton. Laurie Audrain, official photographer, sat in the back seat, with his cameras and his light meters draped around his neck. He hoped to come back to Canada after the war and edit a weekly newspaper. I answered all his questions as well as I could.

Captain Gillis Purcell waved to us and we stopped at a little park. The other Canadian editors were there already.

Down the narrow street, a steady stream of Canadian-built motor trucks passed towards the west. A soldier in uniform directed traffic, keeping it moving, and motorcyclists buzzed up and down the lines, watching that everything was in order. Evidently the Canadian Army had done this kind of thing before, for there was never a hitch.

On the corner stood a little bake-shop, but there wasn't a sign of anything to eat in the window or on the counter. Two girls stood inside the door and an occasional soldier, riding with his legs over the back of an army truck, saw them and waved.

Lunch With Major General Odium

At noon I was one of the six editors who climbed out of cars in front of the fine old house which was then the headquarters of the 2nd Canadian Division. I heard later that it was at one time a summer home of Queen Victoria. There I met Major General V. W. Odium, who has since gone to Australia as Canada's commissioner to that country. Many of his staff officers were with him, in spite of the fact that they were more than busy with manoeuvres. No doubt they liked to talk to a group just over from Canada.

The meal tasted good. After the exotic cooking at the big hotels, this was like Canada again. There was soup, followed by steak (the only beefsteak I saw in England), mashed potatoes, carrots, jam, cheese, crackers, rolls and apples. More marvelous, there was a half-pound of butter in each of the dishes. The officer beside me told me it was

margarine but I wouldn't have known the difference. Later, there was a discussion about paint. Somebody said the English paint didn't last any more: the oils were all being used for making margarine. Another remarked: "Oh well, you can't eat your paint and have it too."

To complete the homelike atmosphere, there was a white table cloth and a great bowl of lovely English roses, picked from the garden beside the house.

Second Division Demonstrates

That afternoon, I saw a demonstration of the work of the Canadian Corps in the Aldershot area. There was a formal inspection of the Royal Canadian Regiment, drawn up with its motorized equipment in the background. In nearby fields, I saw the soldiers using trench mortars, a wide variety of weapons including tommy guns, once the favorite weapons of American gangsters, now useful in close-range fighting. There were port-

able wireless units, some small enough to be carried on a man's back, others mounted in trucks. The regiment had plenty of Bren guns and larger anti-tank weapons. Even the rifles, with their shorter bayonets, have several uses now.

About one quarter of the Canadian troops were living in houses at that time. Some of these were nearby. They seemed to be quite new, and were certainly modern. They were used for sleeping only and every room, except the bathrooms, had blankets and equipment neatly piled up where soldiers had slept.

There were other things I saw that day. The Canadians have been building roads to eliminate hazards and obstacles that might slow up an army speeding towards the coast. We drove along the wide Ridge Road with broad valleys and chalk hills on either side. There was no speed limit. Then we came

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to an ancient town with narrow winding streets. The effects could be imagined. To eliminate the worst of these, two sweeping by-pass roads have been built around English towns. They lack the picturesqueness of the old roads but they do speed up the through traffic.

Finally, Colonel Mann gave us a demonstration of the efficiency and speed of the Reconnaissance Battalion. He stepped over to one of the wireless units and said a few words. Inside of three minutes, a stream of universal carriers and armored cars was tearing down the road past the spot where we stood, slowed down for a corner and turned out of sight. I don't know how far away it was when that wireless call went out, but that battalion must be trained to standards that would do credit to a city fire brigade.

Conference with Gen. McNaughton

It was in the late afternoon that our cars filed up a driveway bordered with hedges clipped in fancy shapes and stopped in front of another large mansion, this time the headquarters of General McNaughton-Lieut.-General A. G. L. McNaughton, to be more precise. The ensuing two hours were among our most interesting in England.

While we ate tea and sandwiches, standing around a table in a room whose windows looked out on what in peacetime, General McNaughton must have been wonderful gardens moved from one to another. He was

particularly interested in relatives and friends in Ottawa, for he had been head of the National Research Council there. As a noted scientist, as well as a soldier, I believe that the General has a right to place almost the whole alphabet after his name to indicate degrees and decorations. He did not look well at that time, and since then has been forced to take a month off to rest and recuperate. I have never met anyone who knew him, who did not characterize him as "a fine fellow". After that day I could understand.

Having fed us the customary

English afternoon tea, General McNaughton took us upstairs to his own office. It was large and airy. Maps hung on all the walls. A dozen editors and a few staff officers sat down at tables, with the General in the centre of the horseshoe, and he gave a short address and then answered every question. There was no hesitation and no evasion. Occasionally, having told us something, he would say that was not for publication, but that was the only restriction. He kept no secrets from his visitors.

Of all the editors present, I seemed to be the only one taking notes that afternoon. They were fairly complete. Looking over them now, some months later, I find they are still timely and valuable. At that time, Moscow and Petrograd were both threatened by the enemy. Since then, that situation has changed, but without altering what General McNaughton said of Russians and of the war in general. It was in this talk he coined the famous phrase about the Canadian

Corps being "a dagger pointed at the heart of Berlin." More valuable perhaps, were his remarks on equipment, training and reinforcements.

Feeling that the important message which he asked us to give Canadians should not be condensed, I will devote a separate article to the things which General McNaughton said that day. It will be the next in the series.

On other days, during my visit in Britain, I met members of the Headquarters staff in London. One Charles Stacey, whose task is to evening, I had dinner with Major write the official history of the part which the Canadian Corps takes in the war. He is a nephew of Mrs. Perry, formerly editor of the *Edmonton Express*. Before he took over this present work, he was a professor of history. He will do a good job. Photographically, the story of the corps is being well looked after, but there seem to be no Canadian painters on the job. That is a lack that should be remedied. I believe two young painters are with a unit in Canada, but apparently there are none in England or Scotland.

Captain Gillis Purcell, our guide that day, is back in Canada. He met with an unfortunate accident a few weeks after our visit, losing a leg, when a canister, being dropped from a plane, broke away from its parachute and struck him below the knee.

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